



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1744**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08364.0022-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Neil PORTER et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1744
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Application No.: 09/890,855)	Examiner: William H. Beisner
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Filed: October 31, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 8015
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For: APPARATUS FOR PRESERVING)	Mail Stop AF
MICROORGANISMS)	

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed June 3, 2004 (the "Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. The period for reply having been extended for one month by a request for extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, this reply is due by October 3, 2004, and is timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.